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SUBJ: DISTORTION OF U.S. ROLE IN KOREA AND JAPAN

1. SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY MAGYAR HIRLAP AUGUST 15 CARRIED TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM FROM JANOS KADAR TO NORTH KOREAN PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG (SEE FBIS, RADIO BUDAPEST IN HUNGARIAN 1800 GMT AUG 14). ARTICLE IMMEDIATELY BELOW TELEGRAM CONTAINED SEVERAL DISTORTIONS OF U.S. ROLE IN KOREA. PAPER GIVES SOVIETS TOTAL CREDIT FOR 1945 "LIBERATION" OF PENINSULA FROM JAPANESE, ACCUSES U.S. OF VIOLATING ALLIED AGREEMENT BY "CREATING SEOUL REGIME SERVING ITS INTERESTS" AND OF "STARTING THREE-YEAR DESTRUCTIVE AGGRESSIVE WAR IN JUNE 1950 AGAINST KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC". ARTICLE ALSO CHARGES U.S. WITH "USURPING UN FLAG SINCE 1950" AND MENTIONS PROPOSAL OF COMMUNIST AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON KOREA SUBMITTED TO 30TH SESSION OF UNGA (STATE 193693).

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2. SHORT ARTICLE IN LATEST EDITION OF HUNGARIAN WEEKLY ORSZAZ-VILAG ALLEGES THAT U.S. DROPPED ATOMIC BOMB ON HIROSHIMA ON AUGUST 6, 1945 KILLING 100,000 PEOPLE ONLY TO "FRIGHTEN THE SOVIET UNION". IT CLAIMS "BOMBING HAD NO MILITARY IMPORTANCE SINCE JAPAN HAD PRACTICALLY BEEN DEFEATED".

3. PARTY PUBLICATIONS ARE SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRAINED IN THEIR COVERAGE OF NORTH KOREA'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY. PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG, FOR INSTANCE, ACCUSES SOUTH KOREA, NOT U.S., OF LAUNCHING WAR IN 1950. FOREIGN MINISTRY PUBLICATION KULPOLITIKA (1975/2) SAYS U.S. VIOLATED ALLIED AGREEMENTS BY ESTABLISHING "PUPPET REGIME NAMED REPUBLIC OF KOREA THROUGH SEPARATIST TERROR ELECTIONS" IN 1948.

4. ALTHOUGH REMAINDER HUNGARIAN PRESS CARRIED SEVERAL ARTICLES COMMEMORATING BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA, ONLY ORSZAZ-VILAG CHARGES U.S. WITH UNNECESSARILY KILLING JAPANESE TO FRIGHTEN USSR.

5. EMBASSY WILL SEIZE UPON APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO DISCUSS THESE DISTORTIONS OF U.S. ROLE IN FAR EAST WITH AUTHORITIES AT MFA, PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZING OUR DISPLEASURE WITH ORSZAZ-VILAG ARTICLE.
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